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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
- I ☒ Basis of the report
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: _____ which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-42	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 11-42	YES
	Claims	1,3-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-42	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are referred to :

D1 = KR10-1999-008428 A(1999.01.25).

D2 = JP10-234675 A(1998.09.08).

Novelty

None of the above documents reveal the same configuration of generating and inducing electric potential difference between electrodes as described in the claims. Therefore, the invention according to claims 1-42 is considered to be novel.

Inventive step

D1 discloses a system for non-contact sensing and signalling using human body as signal transmission medium.

D2 reveals a polarization communication equipment for living body.

Claims 1, 3-10 relate to a method and system for data communication in human body, wherein a current generated from the sensor flows through the human body as a conductor to transmit data to the outside of the human body.

Claims 1, 3-10 of the present invention compared with each of D1, the invention according to claim 1, 3-10 is similar to D1 in that a transmitter produces displacement currents into and from the body of a user, which works as a conducting node. But the above two inventions are a little bit different from each other in that this invention includes further a step transmitting a signal from a sensor which is put in the human body to the outside of the human body. It is, however, disclosed clearly in D2 of which the abstract and claims teach enabling whole dual communicating between inside and outside the human body.

Therefore, claims 1, 3-10 of the present invention lack an inventive step under Article 33(3) as being obvious over D1 in view of each of D2.

Industrial Applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-42 fulfills the requirements of Article 33(4) PCT because it is useful.